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INFO AMEMBASSY OSLO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO, PORG

SUBJECT: ILO: PRESIDENCY OF MARITIME CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 203607 (NOTAL)

1. JAPANESE MISOFF INFORMS US THAT POLAND APPEARS TO BE CAMPAIGNING HARD AMONG ASIAN, AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS HERE TO ROUND UP SUPPORT FOR POLISH CANDIDACY, APPARENTLY THAI AMBASSADOR, WHO ASSUMED CHAIRMANSHIP OF ASIAN GROUP IN JULY, HAS BEEN A KEY TARGET NORWAY, BY CONTRAST, HAS NOT ADVERTISED NORWEGIAN CANDIDACY HERE, AND IN ABSENCE OF THIS, JAPANESE MISSION DOES NOT FEEL IN POSITION TO LEND ACTIVE SUPPORT. JAPANESE MISOFF OBSERVED THAT IN VIEW OF UNFORTUNATE NECESSITY TO WITHDRAW JAPANESE CANDIDACY, JAPANESE MISSION NOW FEELS SENSE OF OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT NORWEGIAN CANDIDACY WHEREVER POSSIBLE, KNOWING STRONG U.S. AVERSION TO AN EASTERN EUROPEAN ACHIEVING ILO MARITIME CONFERENCE PRESIDENCY.

2. COMMENT: MISSION HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD OF POLISH CAMPAIGNING HERE, BUT HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT IT IS OCCURRING. VACUUM APPARENTLY HAS BEEN LEFT AMONG ASIANS WITH JAPANESE CANDIDATE'S WITHDRAWAL, AND WE GATHER ASIAN GROUP CHAIRMAN  
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NEED TO FEEL THE SORT OF COUNTERBALANCING PRESSURE ON BEHALF

OF NORWEGIAN CANDIDACY WHICH JAPAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

3. RECOMMENDATION: MISSION BELIEVES THAT RESERVED APPROACH NORWAY DECIDED TO TAKE UNDER EARLIER CIRCUMSTANCES IS NOT NOW A DESIRABLE POSTURE, AND RECOMMENDS THAT WITH MINIMUM DELAY U.S. URGE NORWAY (A) TO BEGIN PROMOTING NORWEGIAN CANDIDATE HERE AND IN SELECTED CAPITALS AND (B) SOLICIT ACTIVE SUPPORT OF TOKYO.

4. WE NOTE EMBASSY OSLO WAS NOT AN ADDRESSEE FOR TOKYO 11977 OR REFTEL, AND MISSION WAS NOT ADDRESSEE FOR RESPONSE, IF ANY, GIVEN TO QUESTION RAISED PARA 3 TOKYO 11977. CATTO

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